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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF  
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Sir/Madam:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application for **three month(s)**.

- ☒ Applicant claims small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9(b) & 1.27(c).
- ☒ A check including the extension fee of **\$ 475.00** is enclosed.
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Dated this 22 day of March, 2004.

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